

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An erosion control blanket for controlling erosion and blending in with a surrounding area consisting essentially of ~~comprising~~:

a top sheet of a netting material having a color which tends to blend in with the surrounding area;

a bottom sheet of a netting material;

a synthetic filler material being disposed between said top sheet and said bottom sheet;

wherein said synthetic filler material comprises a plurality of crimped polymer fibers, said crimped polymer fibers being arranged to form a three-dimensional matrix;

wherein said synthetic filler material comprises a substantially post-consumer recycled polyester having a color which tends to blend in with the surrounding area.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The erosion control blanket of claim 1, wherein said substantially post-consumer recycled polyester comprises post-consumer recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET).

5. (Previously Presented) The erosion control blanket of claim 4, wherein said substantially post-consumer recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET) comprises green soda bottle material.

6. (Original) The erosion control blanket of claim 1, wherein said synthetic filler material has a resistance to compression value of about 0.210 to about 0.285 psi/gram of fiber.

7. (Previously Presented) The erosion control blanket of claim 1, wherein said synthetic filler material has a percent recovery value of at least about 90% following application of a 0.5 psi compressive load for a period of 5.0 minutes.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The erosion control blanket of claim 1, wherein said crimped polymer fibers comprise additives to increase resistance to ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

10-18. (Canceled)